

**MINUTES OF HISTORICAL ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2006
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
2263 SANTA CLARA AVENUE – 7:00 PM**

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Recording Secretary Gremminger called the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Anderson, Vice-Chair Miller, Board Members Irons and Iverson .

MEMBERS ABSENT: Board member Lynch..

STAFF PRESENT: Andrew Thomas, Planning Services Manager, Doug Vu, Planner III, Debbie Gremminger, Recording Secretary.

MINUTES:

M/S (Miller, Iverson) to approve the May 4, 2006 minutes as presented. 4-0-1.

Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 1; Motion carries.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

This item will be continued to the next meeting a full board is present.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Certificate of Approval - CA06-0011 - 2629 Central Ave. Applicant: Hwan Kim. The applicant requests a Certificate of Approval for the removal of two coast live oak trees (*Quercus agrifolia*) that are located along the right side of the property. The trees are causing a potentially hazardous condition due to their proximity to the eave of the house. The site is located at 2629 Central Avenue, within an R-4, Neighborhood Residential Zoning District.

Andrew Thomas, Planning Services Manager, introduced Doug Vu, Planner III, who was recently hired to the Planning & Building Department.

Staff member Doug Vu briefly summarized the staff report. Mr. Vu stated that both the applicant and Elite Tree Service, Inc. are concerned about the location of the trees and their potential to cause damage to the foundation of the two homes located at 2629 and 2633 Central Ave. AMC Section 13-21.7(c) requires that any protected oak tree that is removed shall be replaced with a minimum of two oak trees of ten gallon size or larger. Since there is a lack of sufficient space on the applicant's property to replace these trees, the Planning & Building Director recommends that a \$375.00 fee, equal to the cost of three fifteen gallon trees, be

collected on behalf of the Recreation & Parks Department for the purchase and planting of these trees in a City park. Staff recommends approval of CA06-0011, with conditions as stated in draft resolution.

There were no speaker slips. Chair Anderson closed the public hearing and opened the floor to Board discussion.

Vice-Chair Miller stated that he agrees with the staff recommendation.

In response to Vice-Chair Miller's question regarding why an arborist report was not submitted with this application, Mr. Vu stated that according to the Ordinance, a report from a certified arborist is required only if the health of the tree is in question.

Chair Anderson stated that the Board should discuss this section of the Ordinance when the revisions to the Ordinance are reviewed by the Board in the near future.

Board Member Irons stated that he agrees with staff recommendation.

Board Member Iverson stated that she appreciates that this is being brought before the Board prior to removing the trees.

M/S (Iverson, Miller) to approve Certificate of Approval, CA06-0011, at 2629 Central Avenue with conditions as stated in draft resolution. 4-0-1.

Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 1; Motion carries.

2. Proposed Addition to the Official Naming List for City Facilities and Streets. Request by the City Council to add the name "Willie Stargell" to the City's Official Naming List for Facilities and Streets.

Staff member Doug Vu summarized the staff report and informed the Board that the the City Council has inquired about the possibility of renaming a west-end street to honor Willie Stargell pursuant to requests from the Encinal High School Alumni Association. The Street Naming Policy currently states that the Historical Advisory Board must approve additions or deletions to the List based on written documentation of the historic importance of the name in Alameda history. As a prominent sports figure in Alameda's history, Staff has determined that Willie Stargell is eligible to be added to the List.

M/S (Iverson, Miller) to approve the addition of Willie Stargel to the Official Naming List for City Facilities and Streets as stated in draft Resolution. 4-0-1.

Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 1; Motion carries.

REPORTS:

None.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: (Discussion only)

The following Written Communications were distributed to the Board. No action was taken.

Letter dated June 29, 2006 from Dian Coler-Dark, President, Alameda Museum, to the Mayor and Council Members regarding the Carnegie Library Building.

Updated Historical Advisory Board Member phone number list.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

STAFF COMMUNICATION:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Andrew Thomas
Planning Services Manager

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